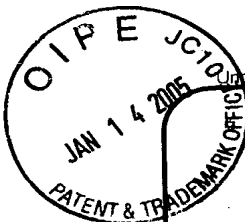


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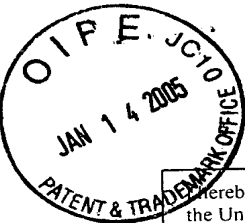
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Sir:

In response to the prior and non-Final Office Action, dated December 16, 2004, Applicants herein reply as follows:

Remarks

Claims 1-59 are currently pending in the above-captioned patent application.

In the prior office action, the Examiner restricted the above-captioned patent application into separate inventions identified by claim groups I through VIII.

In a telephone conference with Examiner Ellen Tran on January 13, 2005, the Examiner stated that it was acceptable to combine restricted claim groups I and II together as one invention and to elect claim groups I and II together as one invention.